

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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VIOLATION OF INDIAN SEA BOUNDARIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some foreign vessels have violated the boundaries of Indian Andaman Sea;
- (b) if so, the number of such incidents noticed during the last one year;
- (c) the action taken by the Coast Guards/Security Forces in the matter; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken by the Government to prevent such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) No violation of Indian Andaman Sea by foreign vessels has been reported. However, some instances of foreign fishing vessels straying into the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone have been noticed.
- (b) & (c): During the last one year, 19 foreign fishing vessels were apprehended for fishing illegally in the territorial waters of Andaman and Nicobar islands.
- (d) Regular surface and air surveillance of the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone around Andaman and Nicobar islands is being carried out by the Indian Armed Forces, including the Indian Coast Guard.